

# HUSBAND CROOK, Heber Giles

Born 18 Sep 1861 Place Heber City, Watch, Utah  
 Chr. Place  
 Marr. 14 Dec 1887 Place Logan, Osene, Utah  
 Died 23 Apr 1941 Place Heber City, Watch, Utah  
 Bur. 26 Apr 1941 Place Heber City, Wstch, Utah

HUSBAND'S FATHER CROOK, John

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

HUSBAND'S MOTHER GILES, Mary

Husband CROOK, Heber Giles

1861

Wife NICOL, Sarah Matilda

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## HEBER GILES AND MATILDA NICOL CROOK



Heber Giles Crook was born Sept. 18, 1861 at Heber, a son of John and Mary Giles Crook. He married Matilda Nicol, daughter of Thomas Nicol IV and Joanna Christina Handberg on Dec. 14, 1887. Matilda was born April 18, 1868 in Heber. Their children included LeOra and Edna who died in

# WIFE NICOL, Sarah Matilda

Born 18 Apr 1868 Place Heber, Watch, Utah  
 Chr. Place  
 Died 12 Feb 1956 Place Heber, Wstch, Utah  
 Bur. 15 Feb 1956 Place Heber, Wstch, Utah

WIFE'S FATHER NICOL, Thomas

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

WIFE'S MOTHER HANDBERG, Johanna Christina Michalena

SEX M F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
	SURNAME (CAPITALIZED)	GIVEN NAMES	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1									23 June 1920				
F	CROOK, Hannah CeCelia		7	Aug	1889	Heber	Wstch	Utah	JONES, Elisha Warren		11 Sep 1897	23 June 1920	BIC
2									7 Oct 1915				
M	CROOK, John Thomas		19	Feb	1891	Heber	Wstch	Utah	(1) HARVEY, ANNIE		17 Aug 1901	15 Apr 1912	BIC
3									18 Aug 1915				
F	CROOK, Mary		8	Oct	1892	Center	Wstch	Utah	MAHONEY, Louris Vier		17 Aug 1901	18 Aug 1915	BIC
4									1 Mar 1916				
M	CROOK, Chase Nicol		13	Nov	1894	Center	Wstch	Utah	ALLISON, Lila		21 Aug 1904	1 Mar 1916	BIC
5										27 July 1898			
F	CROOK, Leora		8	Nov	1896	Center	Wstch	Utah			Child	Child	BIC
6									5 Jan 1921				
F	CROOK, Jennie		17	Nov	1898	Center	Wstch	Utah	NELSON, Wallace		4 Aug 1907		BIC
7									28 June 1922				
F	CROOK, Dora		11	Dec	1900	Center	Wstch	Utah	FISHER, Andrew Walter		4 July 1909	28 June 1922	BIC
8										3 Mar 1906			
F	CROOK, Edna		19	July	1903	Center	Wstch	Utah			Child	Child	BIC
9													
M	CROOK, Reed Giles		15	May	1907	Center	Wstch	Utah	Unmd		5 Feb 1916		BIC
10													
F	CROOK, Blanche		30	Sep	1910	Center	Wstch	Utah	(1) MATHEWS, Bert (Div)		5 Oct 1918		BIC
11													

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Family group sheets in possession of Afton Mahoney Anderson  
 1252 Zenith Avenue  
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

### OTHER MARRIAGES

Child #2 Md JAMISON, Isabell 10 May 1952  
 Sealed 4 Sep 1953  
 Child #10 Md EVANS, David (Unable to get dates of marriages)

### NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

Father of wife known as NICOL, Thomas (4th)

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry  
 PLACES: Sharon, Wndr, Vrm  
 ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:  
 DATES: 14 Apr 1794  
 To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

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infancy; Hannah Cecelia (Mrs. Warren Jones); John Thomas, married Annie Harvey; Mary (Mrs. Louis Mahoney); Chase Nicol, married Lila Allison; Jennie (Mrs. Wallace Nelson); Dora (Mrs. Walter Fisher) Reed Giles and Blanch. Heber died April 23, 1941 and Matilda died Feb. 12, 1956.

Heber or "Hebe" as he was known, grew up in the West Ward of Heber, learning as a small boy to herd cattle and take care of crops. He also worked as a boy in the Lake Creek sandstone quarry. He helped his parents clear the land of sagebrush and turn it into serviceable farm acreage.

The first year after his marriage, Hebe worked at Park City in James Rasband's butcher shop. He decided he did not care for this work and would rather farm, so he traded his home in Heber and \$5,000 for William Murdock's 160 acre farm in Lake Creek, where he moved with his family.

He came to be known as one of the pioneers in agriculture in Wasatch County. He had grown up with the earth and loved it. He had one of the best kept farms in the valley, and raised fruits and berries of all varieties, and was one of the first men to operate a big orchard. He became very proficient in grafting buds of improved species and varieties of trees into the old trees that had become acclimated to the valley. He also raised grains, hay and many other crops, in addition to his cattle interests. He was also in the sheep business with J. W. Giles.

A very close friendship developed between Heber Crook and Elisha Duke that lasted more than 65 years. The two families and others would go camping in the mountains for two weeks every year, an event which their youngsters keenly looked forward to.

A humanitarian, Heber Crook was always willing to help less fortunate persons, and even in the dead of winter would travel long distances to help those who might be stranded, ill or otherwise needed assistance.

He served in many civic capacities, including a school trustee and director of a water company. He was a member of livestock organizations and served for many years as a volunteer weather observer. He took part in activities of the Center Ward where he was Sunday School superintendent.

He turned his farm over to his boys in 1915 and moved to the Heber First Ward with his wife. Together they spent many hours in temple work, Church activities, and yard and gardening work. They later moved

into the Matt Clements home in the Second Ward, where they planted trees, flowers, a vegetable garden and had plenty of room for their grandchildren to play.

Matilda, "Tillie," or "Aunt Til" as she was called, learned responsibility early in her life. At the age of nine she would stay with her sister Josephine, whose husband Alva Murdock, worked away from home. One night as she was returning home from her sister's place, she bumped into an old hay rack, bruising her leg badly below the knee. This accident caused her much pain and suffering, and in her later life she had to undergo a series of operations. But through her faith and the power of the priesthood, she was able to retain the use of her leg throughout her life.

As a girl Tillie learned to work around the house. Her mother was a practical nurse and was away from home a lot, so Tillie did much of the work. In the year 1886 she went to White Rocks to live with her sister Josephine, while her brother-in-law managed the Indian Reservation. She returned home in the spring of 1887 to prepare for marriage to Heber, and they were married in the Logan Temple.

After moving to Lake Creek, Matilda took an active part in Church work, teaching classes and conducting the singing. She was a very graceful dancer and taught many young people the various steps. She was also active in Relief Society and the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

After her husband's death in 1942 she continued to maintain her home in Heber, though she traveled occasionally to visit her family before her death in 1956.